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Dear Mr. Miklos:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 100116.

The City of Dallas (the "city") received a request for a list of the locations of all sex offenders living in Denton, Collin, Dallas, Rockwall, and Ellis Counties. You ask whether section 5 of article 6252-13c.1, V.T.C.S. requires the city to release the requested information. Although this office issued Open Records Letter Opinion 96-0823 (1996), which partially addressed this request for information, we did not rule on the list which contains information about juvenile sex offenders who were convicted after September 1, 1995.1

Information regarding the general location² of a juvenile registered as a sex offender is available to the public for those juveniles whose reportable conviction or adjudication occurred on or after September 1, 1995, pursuant to this office's ruling in Open Records Decision No. 645 (1996). We enclose a copy of Open Records Decision No. 645 (1996) for your information.

In Open Records Letter Opinion 96-0823 (1996), this office found that registration information relating to a juvenile sex offender with a reportable conviction or adjudication that occurred before September 1, 1995, is confidential under former article 6252-13c.1, V.T.C.S. See Act of May 26, 1991, 72d Leg., R.S., ch. 572, § 1, 1991 Tex. Gen. Laws 2029, 2030, amended by Act of May 19, 1995, 74th Leg., R.S., ch. 258, § 6, 1995 Tex. Sess. Law Serv. 2197, 2201-02.

²We note that the numeric street address of a person registered as a sex offender is confidential pursuant to section 5(b), V.T.C.S. art. 6252-13c.1.

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

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Enclosures: Open Records Decision No. 645 (1996)

Submitted documents

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